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US Army Corps of Engineers Awards Hunting Island Project

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CHARLESTON, S.C.--- The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District, awarded a \$1.4 million Hunting Island Shore Protection contract to Marcol Dredging Company of North Charleston, S.C. on 17 March 2005.

This project was authorized through Public Law 84-99, Flood Control and Coastal Emergency (FCCE) Program, a program which the Corps oversees. In this case, the program has funded the repair of beach erosion caused by storms from last year's Hurricane season. Hunting Island in Beaufort County and Folly Beach in Charleston County are the only projects in the State of South Carolina that were funded under the program this year.

This renourishment project entail placing approximately 77,800 cubic yards of sand from the southern end of the visitor's parking area and extending down the beach. The sand will be graded by land-based equipment, such as bulldozers, to achieve the desired beach profile.

Marcol Dredging Company will place controls and warnings to designate the work area on the beach. These marked areas will be closed to public use while work is done in the particular vicinity. In the interest of safety, the public must remain outside the marked areas at all times.

Work is expected to begin mid-March 2005 and be completed no later than May 1, 2005, due to turtle nesting season.